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## **South Florida Water Management District**

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### **Governing Board Projects & Lands Committee MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2009

9:00 AM

District Headquarters - B1 Auditorium  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members Present:

**Shannon Estenoz**

**Jerry Montgomery**

**Patrick Rooney**

**1. Call meeting to Order - Patrick Rooney, Chair**

Chair Rooney called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

The Project and Lands Committee Meeting was attended by all of the Governing Board Members including the three new members, Joe Collins, Gladys Perez and Kevin Powers. In addition, Michael Collins participated by phone.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes for the July 8, 2009, Project & Lands Committee meeting held in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Jerry Montgomery to approve the July 8, 2009 Project and Lands Committee meeting minutes. Vote called. Voting yes: Shannon Estenoz, Jerry Montgomery, and Pat Rooney. Motion passed.

**3. Changes to Agenda - Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**4. Potential Surplus Lands - Ruth Clements, Director, Land Acquisition (ext. 6271)**

Carlyn Kowalsky, Managing Attorney, presented information on the District's authority to sell or exchange surplus lands.

Ruth Clements of the Land Acquisition Department, provided an overview of the surplus lands process and the approximate 2800 acres of lands proposed to be surplus.

The Committee recommends that the land inventory be reviewed annually for potential surplus lands and that list be provided to both the WRAC and full Board for discussion prior to the Budget so that any potential revenues are recognized during the Budget process.

There was also Committee discussion regarding the ability to restrict where any surplus revenues are directed.

Recommendations were made for a WRAC Issues Workshop regarding the process of declaring lands surplus and the utilization of surplus derived funds.

In addition, it was recommended that no action be taken on the June Governing Board Resolution authorizing surplus until the WRAC has met and a subsequent full Board discussion has taken place on surplus lands.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Jerry Montgomery to enter into a temporary lease with the Osceola County Civil Air Patrol regarding the Old Kissimmee Field Station site pending surplus of the property. Vote called. Voting yes: Jerry Montgomery, Shannon Estenoz, Patrick Rooney. Motion passed.

The full Board was present and there was no objection to the temporary lease agreement.

**5. Status of CERP Master Agreement, CERP Design Agreement, Picayune Strand Restoration Project Partnership Agreement and Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement, C-111 Spreader Canal Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement, C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement, Indian River Lagoon - South Restoration Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement and Biscayne Coastal Wetlands Pre-Partnership Credit Agreement - Paul Warner, Chief Scientist, Everglades Restoration (ext. 6512)**

Paul Warner, Chief Scientist for Everglades Restoration, provided a report on the Corps Agreements that are coming before the Board for approval. As a result of a great cooperative effort between the Corps and the District, the agreements, which establish uniform terms and conditions for all future CERP Project Partnership Agreements, have been significantly improved from their initial presentation at the June Governing Board.

The significant changes to the Master Agreement were reviewed and explained to the Committee.

Changes to the Master Agreement have also resulted in the need to amend the CERP Design Agreement which gives the ability to programmatically cost share future CERP design, construction and real estate costs.

An overview of the first Project Partnership agreement for CERP Picayune Strand was provided along with a review of 5 pre-partnership credit agreements for Picayune Strand, Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands, Indian River Lagoon South Project, C-43 West Reservoir and C-111 Spreader Canal. These agreements preserve the District's ability to get credit prior to a partnership agreement.

**6. C-111 Spreader Canal Project Implementation Report and Design Status - John Dunnuck, Everglades Restoration Program Implementation Manager, Everglades Restoration (ext. 6995)**

John Dunnuck, newly appointed Business Services Director for Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects, gave a presentation on the C-111 Spreader Canal Project objectives and status of the Project Implementation Report and Design. Bid packages are on the street for three components, the Frog Pond Detention Area, two Pump Stations and Canal Modifications. With construction beginning prior to a Project Implementation Report Record of Decision due in March 2010, there is a risk that the District could face a challenge similarly to the EAA project. The approval of the Pre-Partnership Agreement will protect the Districts eligibility for crediting. It is anticipated that the contract awards will be made at the September Governing Board.

**7. Lakeside Ranch Project Update - Jeff Kivett, Director, Everglades Engineering Department (ext. 4018)**

Jeff Kivett, Director of the Everglades Engineering Department, gave an update on the two phase Lakeside Ranch Stormwater Treatment Area Project. Targeted date for completion of construction is August 2011. Jeff also gave an update regarding a Gopher Tortoise issue related to increased Tortoise activity on the property once the farmer moved off.

**8. New Environmental Services Laboratory - John Mitnik, Director, Infrastructure & Operations Development Division, Everglades Restoration (ext. 3748)**

John Mitnik, Division Director of Infrastructure and Operations Development, gave a briefing on the new green environmental services laboratory design. Discussion ensued on the different aspects associated with an energy efficiency designation related to design, construction and use of the building.

Chair Rooney discussed having Committee meetings every three months.

**9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjourn**

Chair Rooney adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

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Patrick Rooney  
Chairman  
Projects and Lands Committee

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